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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 2481

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TAGS: PFOR, PINS, PINT, ET, US

SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR

REF: KHARTOUM 2469

1. ITINERANT REUTERS REP MICHAEL MALIK SAW
AMBASSADOR LATE OCT 23 AFTER INTERVIEWING NIMEIRI AND
HAVING SECOND MEETING WITH LOCAL ELF REP. LATTER INFORMED
HIM THAT CONTACT HAD BEEN MADE WITH USG HERE BUT PROVIDED
NO DETAILS ADDITIONAL TO THOSE REPORTED REFTEL. IN RESPONSE
MALIK'S REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION MEETING, AMBASSADOR
RECALLED DEPT'S STATEMENT SOME DAYS AGO THAT US DOING ALL
POSSIBLE TO EFFECT PROMPT AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE
HOSTAGES AND SAID THAT ANY FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD ALSO
ORIGINATE IN WASHINGTON. MALIK CONFIDED THAT STORY HE HAD FILED
OCT 22 HAD BEEN QUERIED BY REUTERS LONDON WHICH HAD ASKED
WHETHER ELF SOURCES WERE RELIABLE. MALIK REPORTED AFFIRM-
ATIVELY LATE OCT 23 BUT SUGGESTED REUTERS WASHINGTON
QUERY DEPT IN ORDER OBTAIN AUTHORITATIVE CONFIRMATION.

2. ELF REP ALSO GAVE MALIK TWO PAGE PAPER ON RESULTS

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KHARTOUM CONFERENCE BETWEEN ELF AND PLF IN EARLY SEPTEMBER

PLUS SHEAF OF ELF BATTLE COMMUNIQUE IN AMHARIC. MALIK'S IMPRESSION IS THAT HIS ELF CONTACTS HERE BELIEVE THEY CAN IN DUE COURSE WIN CLEAR CUT VICTORY OVER EPMG IN ERITREA.

3. COMMENT: STATE 253190 RECEIVED THIS MORNING. WE ASSUME REUTERS WILL SHORTLY BE QUERYING DEPT AND THAT REUTERS WILL SUBSEQUENTLY CARRY DETAILED STORY BASED LARGELY ON MALIK'S CONTACTS HERE WITH ELF REPS, PARA 2 REFTEL.
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